

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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President BOB PHILLIPS presented BILL DYNAN as Pledge Leader. DON CONWAY as Song Leader and BOB MORGAN on piano with "For Me and My Gal" and "It Had to Be You". Corresponding Secretary was BILL DYNAN.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. RALPH VIGGIANO announced the room and need for CBB Editors. See GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE.
2. Opera Group limited to 12 men interested in furthering "enjoyment of good music". One opening at present. Next Group meeting Tuesday, July 8. Speak to GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE or phone at 203-637-1390.
3. El Presidente BOB PHILLIPS reminded RMA Members to pay up their annual dues.
4. DON CONWAY reminded us of the forthcoming RMA Picnic. Sign up and don't miss it!
5. JOHN CRAINE hailed: Annual RMA Raftup will start 12 noon, Thursday, July 24. Sail or bail rendezvous in Greenwich Cove.
6. Join SERGE GABRIEL to raise The Flag on July 4th at 9:00am at Town Hall - 101 Field Point Road.
7. RMA's own Melody Men will open Mets Game with our National Anthem at Citi Field, Tuesday evening August 12. Tickets \$47. We need 40 riders if we want to order a bus. Call TOM HEALY at 203-661-2954.
8. CHUCK STANDARD was a military honoree in his WWII Naval uniform at the Mets Game at Citi Field on July 4. There was an article about CHUCK and this honor in the *Greenwich Time* on July 3 – to see article, click hyperlink: <http://www.greenwichtime.com/local/article/Mets-to-honor-Greenwich-WWII-veteran-5599090.php>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Visiting:** CHUCK STANDARD reported that STEVE PIERSON is at Greenwich Woods and MIKE HARRIS is at Greenwich Hospital.
2. **Membership:** JIM FAHY announced 130 in attendance with 122 members, 2 candidates: Burt Ehrlich and Bruno Sihpage, 1 inductee: Wayne DeVries, and 5 guests: Erik Boot g/o PETER SCHIEFERDECKER, Joe DeLuca g/o GERRY BOYLE, Ted Ewing g/o MIKE SMITH, Toshi Hodges g/o PETER MAHER and Tom Fong g/o JIM FAHY.
3. **Birthdays:** PETER UHRY (75), DAVID ALBERT (86), JOHN CARON (90). HOLLISTER STURGES (75), JOE MALARA (94) and CARL STONE (90).
4. **Inductees:** RMA proudly welcomes WAYNE DeVRIES sponsored by STEPHEN MYERS and JOHN FEBLES.

5. **Volunteer:** DOUG FRANCEFORT reported 663 hours outside agencies by 65 men and 137 hours for RMA activities by 27 members. DON HELLER reported most hours of 120 (over several weeks.)

### **FUN AND GAMES**

For **Bridge:** KURT SCHAFFIR reported 13 players with HUGO GRUENDEL first with 6,030 - Don Dworken with 4,350 and Wayne DeVries third with 4,000. For **Golf:** KARL SCHULZE reported Closest to the Pin on #7 - GRAN BURGESS, Closest to the Pin on #15 - FRANK SCARPA and Longest Drive was JOHN AWDZIEWICZ.

### **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

BERNARD SCHNEIDER introduced **Ambassador Tom Niles**, former U.S. ambassador to Russia, who spoke on "Russia, Putin, Where Do We Go from Here?" He reported that Russia never has become a part of Europe, isolating itself, rejecting Western ideas as inimical of Russian tradition, and rejecting the United States as its opponent. Putin carries on that position. We must not take stock of what he says, only what he does.

JOHN HARRIS - Editor

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

*Checks are to be made out to RMA. Guests, candidates and ladies are invited.*

For details, see or call: RICHARD LIMBACHER (203-531-9515) or GERRY LESSUK (203-698-9451).

**July 27 (Sunday) Tanglewood: Lunch at the Apple Tree Inn** - Tickets \$112. Bus leaves from Eastern Civic Center at 9:15am sharp. Wait list.

**August 7 (Thursday) Goodspeed Opera "Fiddler on the Roof": Lunch at the Gelston House** - Tickets \$112. Bus leaves St. Catherine at 9:45am sharp. Wait list.

**October 2 (Thursday) 9/11 Memorial Museum. Lunch at the Blue Water Grill** - Tickets \$104. Bus leaves St. Catherin at 8:45am sharp. Wait List

### **NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER**

BOB WYLIE informed us that **Captain Jay Dirnberger** will address "The Evolution of Drones - Those Unmanned Aerial Vehicles" (UVAs) and their ever-growing world-wide presence.

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